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AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0097], the Abstract, with the following amended paragraph:

[0097] Compositions, methods, devices and kits for use in the calibration of coagulation tests. The control compositions include ~~comprise~~ particles capable of aggregating in plasma and calcium ions which, when mixed with plasma, simulate the behavior of whole blood in a coagulation test. The methods include ~~comprise~~ providing calcium ions and particles capable of aggregating in plasma, combining the particles and calcium ions with plasma to form a control composition, and applying the control composition to a coagulation test. The devices include ~~comprise~~ a container having at least two compartments, with one compartment including particles that promote or induce aggregation of a protein or proteins in plasma, and the other compartment includes a solution of calcium ions. The kits include ~~comprise~~ a control composition including ~~comprising~~ a container of calcium ions, a container of particles capable of inducing aggregation of proteins in plasma, and one or more coagulation test devices.